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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN MINITARY PLANS MAY INCLUDE ENTRY INTO SOMALI
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1. NO IMPORTANT ADVANCES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED BY ETHIOPIAN
ARMY IN OGADEN FIGHTING DURING PAST FOUR DAYS. HEAVY POUNDING
BY ETHIOPIAN ARTILLERY AND AVIATION OF MARDI PASS AND APPROACHES
TO JIJIGA INDICATE THAT SOMALI FORCES MAY INTEND MOUNT THEIR FIRST

SIGNIFICANT DEFENSE SINCE RECENT ETHIOPIAN OFFENSIVE BEGAN.
ETHIOPIAN TROOPERS FOLLOWING PARALLEL PATHS ALONG RAIL LINE AND
DIRE DAWA-AYSHA ROAD APPEAR TO HAVE HALTED ADVANCE NOT THAT
SWLF SUPPLY CENTER AT ADIGALA HAS FALLEN.

2. LOCAL ETHIOPIAN CHARGE MUSA YACIN (PREVIOUS SPELLINGS INCORRECT)
IN UNGUARDED REMARK TO LOCAL CONTACT REPORTED TO CHARGE, STATED
EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT ETHIOPIA PREPARED TAKE OVER "ONE SOMALI
TOWN" AS GAGE TO BE USED AGAINST SOMALI EVACUATION REMAINDER
OGADEN.

3. LOGICALLY THE SOMALI TOWN INDICATED FOR SUCH UTILIZATION WOULD
BE HARGEISA, LOCATED WITHIN A FEW MILES OF ETHIOPIAN FRONTIER.

4. THIS REPORT, WHILE ONLY THIRD-HAND, HAS NOT BEEN VERIFIED.
IT COULD BE MUSA YACIN'S PERSONAL VIEW OR OFFICIAL ETHIOPIAN
PLANS. CHARGE PLANS CALL ON MUSA YACIN SOONEST IN ATTEMPT
VERIFY REPORT.
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